

NUN WHO FOUGHT.

A Remarkable Instance of Female Courage.

Displayed in Doublet and Hose the Young Spanish Maiden Meets and Vanquishes a Man in a Duel.

A famous heroine in her way was Catalina de Brauso, still remembered vaguely as the "Spanish soldier nun." She left memoirs which have been translated or summarized in English. The truth of them has been disputed, but the writer points out that, upon the other hand, popes and kings, nobles and servants accepted every word while evidence remained to support or question the statements, says the Philadelphia Telegraph.

Catalina ran away from a nunnery in San Sebastian at the age of fifteen, transformed her conventual habits into doublets and hose, and found employment as a page in the household of a noble at Valladolid. Driven from this refuge by the appearance of her father—who had no suspicion, nevertheless—she joined an expedition sailing for Peru under charge of Ferdinand de Cordova. Her ship was wrecked off Pita and she alone refused to desert the captain, who stood by his vessel. Catalina then built a little raft, broke open the treasure chest, took as much gold as she could carry and set off for the shore, but the captain was drowned en route. She reached the town and accepted an engagement as manager to the tailor who made her new clothes. Complications of business and passion—for a great lady fell in love at sight—led to a first duel, in which she killed her man promptly. The great lady smuggled her out of prison, but Catalina found it necessary to repay this service by pushing the dame downstairs, probably breaking her neck. Then she jumped into a boat, put to sea, and was picked up by a Spanish vessel bound for Concepcion.

At this place her brother was secretary to the governor and he, all unconscious of the relationship, got her a commission in the army. Very soon afterward she distinguished herself in an engagement, and for twelve years ranked as one of the most brilliant officers of the Spanish service—living mostly with her brother, but keeping the secret. This happy time came to an end in a midnight duel, when she killed a man unknown, who proved to be the same brother. Flying for life once more, Catalina crossed the Andes, reached Tucuman after terrible adventures. Another love affair, all on one side, and another fatal duel brought her literally to the gallows, but with the rope around her neck she escaped. Traveling on to Cuzco, she joined an Alcaide with a pretty wife and a gentleman, his friends. In a very few days Catalina perceived that these two had an understanding. The Alcaide perceived it also and took an opportunity to murder his wife, but Catalina snatched her to the saddle and rode furiously for Cuzco. The Alcaide pursuing, she ran him through, but received a desperate wound. The fugitives got safely to the bishop's palace. Catalina knew, however, that her secret must be discovered now. She had just strength enough to reveal it to the bishop before fainting. The worthy man reported the whole story to the king, who sent orders that Catalina should be dispatched by the next ship. All Spain declared for the heroine. At her arrival Count Olivarez himself, the prime minister, met her, she kissed her, the pope sent her and forgave her and Velasquez painted her portrait.

HAD THE VINEGAR HABIT.

Woman's Vanity Ultimately Cost Her Life.

By Slow Poison.

"I once had a patient," said a Rochester (N. Y.) physician to a St. Louis reporter, "who poisoned herself with vinegar."

"I was never a burning and shining light in the medical profession, and hence it is not surprising that the case baffled my investigation for a year, though I have the consolation of knowing that four eminent physicians who were called in for consultation attributed the lady's evident breaking up to four different causes, none of them remotely connected with the real one. The chief symptom was lassitude and deathly whiteness, and the lady, who had no other companion but an ignorant, though faithful, colored attendant, finally died before reaching her thirtieth year."

"Subsequent investigation proved that she was a vinegar fiend, and that, while refusing food of every description, she was drinking large quantities of vinegar. As the habit grew upon her she secured stronger grades, until finally she was drinking acetic acid, but very slightly diluted. There are cases on record of persons who have been poisoned by overindulgence of vinegar, taken to improve the complexion, but this is the only case I ever heard of anyone acquiring a vinegar habit and pursuing it steadily until it caused death."

Growing Land.

Enterprising men have a way of growing land along the marshy shores of Delaware bay. The plan is to cut the dikes and let the tide rise and fall for a course of years over a considerable area including some upland. It is found after awhile that the dikes may be removed considerably out toward the low tide line, and that many acres of arable land have been gained at small cost. Marsh companies usually exist for the purpose of cooperation in such work, and there are many quarrels over the land of men that refuse to join the company in making a temporary sacrifice of upland for the purpose of reclaiming submerged marsh. The land thus reclaimed is extremely fertile, but it usually yields a crop of malvaria fevers when first brought under cultivation.

IN THE CRYSTAL BALL.

An Element Long Known in Popular Superstition.

In civilized society of the middle ages convulsions and trances led either to the stake or to excommunication, while since 1710 or so they have been medically treated, and would not even qualify a man for knighthood, still less increase his wealth and political power. Thus the abnormal phenomena, if any, have been neglected. Yet, in fact, the savage and the charlatan, such as Mesmer, did hold, darkly, a secret, a piece of knowledge, namely, hypnotism, which civilized science has, at last, deemed worthy of recognition. Perhaps the savage and the quick knew even more than science has yet recognized. Certainly, sane and educated men testify that certain patients display faculties as abnormal as any of those claimed for his own by Angelok.

Among these is what used to be called "divination by the mirror" or crystal, and is now called "crystal gazing." Nobody knows how far back the practice of looking for visions in a clear deep may go. The Egyptians have long used a drop of ink, the Maoris a drop of blood; and of water have been employed, and in the Dordene, a black hole in an old wall serves as a background for visions of the Virgin. The polished coal ball of Kelly and Dr. Dee still exists. Similar things have even been an element in popular superstition.

In this case the explanation of old was, naturally, animistic. Dee believed that there was a spirit, or a crowd of spirits in his various specula. An old writer tells us "how to get a fairy" into one of these crystal balls. Folly and superstitious rites clustered about the crystals. Now it is an ascertained matter of fact that a certain proportion of men and women, educated, healthy, with no belief in spiritualism, can produce hallucinations, pictures, by looking into a crystal ball.

HOME DECORATIONS.

Let the Hangings Be of Melting Colors—Cozy Nooks and Corners.

Home decoration is as necessary to our well-being as the clothes we wear. In this advancement of civilization, we have come to require well-furnished rooms, and we gain by these schemes of color, these textures of brilliancy, courage to pursue our vocations under pleasant surroundings. But to all decoration lovers a word of advice may be given. Look well to the tones and tints. Let the beginning have a unity of purpose, and believe what the author of "My House" asserts: "It is certain that well-chosen draperies enrich an apartment, and not only enrich, but give it peace and that sense of restfulness which wearied minds and wearied bodies seek for. Therefore let the hangings be of melting colors; for the bright hues of the past have graduated into the old blues, the soft and tender terra cotta, the charming browns, and the creamy yellows. The people of the East teach us at all times the great lessons in coloring, and blend in apparent confusion the whole range of those tints which are so full of marvellous beauty, and by these examples our homes can be tastefully decorated."

Me and the Cat.

Richard X— is an incorrigible youngster of ten who has shown a tendency to lay the blame of his misdeeds on other shoulders. His favorite scapegoat was the family feline. A jar of sweets could not be opened, or a bit of gingerbread pilfered, or a vase broken to atoms, without a lame excuse of Dick's. "I guess it was the cat," calling forth his mother's reproaches: "Richard, you must not lay the blame on the cat of all the wickedness you are guilty of in this house."

Not long after one of these upbraiding, in Sunday-school, his teacher asked Richard the question, apropos of the devil's power on earth: "Who is responsible for the wickedness of this world?"

It was with a mixture of contrite spirit and the old habit of little Dick answered: "Well, I suppose that I'm partly to blame. But—but I think our cat has her paw in it."—Harper's Magazine.

He Had His Reward.

It was in a large department store that a gilded youth drifted up to the candy counter.

"Do you know," he said to the pretty young woman in charge, "if I were the proprietor of this establishment, I should dismiss you?"

"Why?" she asked indignantly.

"In order to give the candy a chance," he answered.

And she gave him a pound and a quarter of seventy-five-cent candy for fifty cents.—Detroit Free Press.

no ten.

The landlord had just dropped in on Mrs. Mulcahy and informed her gently, but firmly, that he had decided to raise her rent.

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known by its still.

Tommy — What's that bird, papa? Papa — That, my boy, is the tocanzo; but we call it the "millinery bird." Tommy — Why, papa? Papa (who has been there many a time) — On account of the size of its bill. — Chicago Mail.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

(Furnished by The Wichita Abstract and Land Company.) The records in the register of deeds office show the following transfers: EP Stephens, lots 6 & 8 Market street. \$ 20 D. W. Wilson, lots 9 & 11 block 11. \$ 150 M. O. add q c d. \$ 150 H. Holte, tract in E 1/4 of SE 1/4 of section 16 28-4w d. \$ 60 Amount of mortgage releases. \$ 1302

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Cheep Rates to California.

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